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## THE RAILROAD OUTLOOK

Many Improvements Contemplated for Tucumcari—Both Rock Island and Southwestern will Increase Their Yard Capacity

### ROUND HOUSES AND SHOPS TO BE BUILT

The News is not going to say that our information concerning the intentions of the railroads with reference to their anticipated improvements is official, because none of the head officials have as yet announced the extent of their work here for publication anywhere. We probably know just about as much and again just about as little as our fellow townsmen of this matter. But "such as I have I will give thee."

H. S. Moore's construction outfit is here on the ground, at least we are so informed, we have not seen them yet, from Topeka, and getting ready for business. Jack Mulligan is the man in charge of the construction work and Dan Mahoney camp foreman. Mr. Mahoney was with the Rock Island during the construction period and was Contractor Spencer's foreman. Their work, as we have been told, is to widen the road bed and otherwise improve the track from here to Dalhart. They are to move 30,000 yards of dirt for the Rock Island in the yards here in preparation for round house and additional trackage. Mr. Mulligan has gone to El Paso to bid for a contract with the Southwestern people for work they are going to do here and nothing definite can be stated as to the extent of their improvements until the contracts have been let. However, their work will first be the lowering of the grade on the Dawson line from here to the Canadian, followed by extending their yard room and the erection of round house and repair shops. Divisions are to be established here, at Duran and at Alamogordo. Tucumcari will have the largest shops out of El Paso, and ordinary repair of locomotives will be done and all work that this shop cannot handle will go to the shops at El Paso. The Southwestern will handle all traffic from Tucumcari West. The 23 new and overhauled engines now under way for the Southwestern will be delivered in about 30 days, or as soon thereafter as the Baldwin Locomotive works can deliver them. There are about a dozen of these old compounds that were taken from Alamogordo for over-

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## AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT IN NEW MEXICO.

Forty-one Per Cent of the People of the Territory Engaged in Agricultural Pursuits.

### AN INDEX FOR THE FUTURE

The Santa Fe New Mexican of February 26, talking about the industrial development of New Mexico, says:

"Forty-one per cent of the people in the Territory pursuing gainful occupations are engaged in agricultural pursuits—quite a creditable showing. In the great agricultural state of Illinois having a population of 2,804,040 engaged in gainful occupations, there are 862,781 persons, or only thirty-one per cent, as against forty-one per cent in New Mexico, who are engaged in agricultural pursuits.

The area and valuation of farm lands and the value of farm property in New Mexico has materially increased since 1890, as is shown in the following table:

1890—	
Total number of farms	4,458
Acres in farms	782,822
Total value of property	\$33,543,141
Lands, fences, buildings	\$8,140,800
Implements, machinery	291,140
Live Stock June 1	25,111,202
1900—	
Total number of farms	11,834
Acres in farms	5,130,878
Total value of property	\$53,737,824
Lands, fences, buildings	20,888,814
Implements, machinery	1,151,610
Live Stock June 1	31,727,400

These figures give an idea of the rapid development and they are also indicative of what may be expected in the future. Another matter that is well worthy of record here is the fact that the producing capabilities per capita of those engaged in agricultural pursuits has increased amazingly. The annual value of farm products increased in the ten years, 1890, to 1900, from nearly \$2,000,000 to a little over \$310,000,000, or an increase of 400 per cent in the ten years, while the agricultural population has not increased greatly.

### Gigantic Land Deal.

W. F. Buchanan consummated the most gigantic land deal the first of the week in the history of New Mexico. He bought Bond's interest in what is known as the Beck Giant, embracing 62,901 acres. The consideration was \$100,000. Mr. Buchanan has evidently made good money on this deal and his friends will be pleased to hear of his success.

## LIVE STOCK

### Bill Introduced in the House Regulates Shipping of Cattle and Sheep.

The following House resolution No. 14,004, which was recently introduced in the national House of Representatives by Mr. Stephens, of Texas, is of interest to cattle raisers and sheep growers of New Mexico:

To amend section forty-three hundred and eighty-six of the Revised Statutes of the United States, relating to the shipping of live stock.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Section forty-three hundred and eighty-six of the Revised Statutes of the United States be, and hereby is, amended by adding the following: Provided, that upon the written request of the owner or shipper, or the agent of either, made to the initial carrier or any other carrier transporting such live stock, the time within which the same may remain upon the cars may be extended to not exceeding thirty-six hours, exclusive of the time necessary for loading and unloading: Provided further, That it shall not be required that sheep be unloaded in the night time, but they may be carried on to a suitable place for unloading.

### Nara Visa Country Settling

Willard Belknap, United States Commissioner at Nara Visa, was in town yesterday attending to business matters. He spent an hour with the News force and placed an order with us for a book which will contain descriptive matter of the Nara Visa country. He will have several thousand copies of this book printed for circulation among eastern farmers. This will be splendid means to secure a desirable class of homeseekers to settle that section of country. The book will contain a map of Union County and a number of half-tone pictures of different industrial enterprises. Mr. Belknap has been very busy for the last month with the duties of the office of U. S. Commissioner. There is a Hungarian colony settling near his town, and Herman Deutsch, Jo Deme, John Kovacs, Stef Kiss, forerunners of the colony, from Trinidad, Colo., have lately made filings. They will be followed immediately by immigrants from Colorado, some other states and from the Old Country. The following persons have made home-

## A PARK AND RACE COURSE

### Company Formed to Establish a Park and Race Course on the AA Ranch

We are informed by J. A. Street that he as one of the members of a corporation which has effected the organization of a company, composed of a number of local business men and some outside capital, to build a park and race course on the AA Ranch one mile and a half south of town. The company has bought the AA Ranch and though the charter has not yet been obtained most of the other details of the organization have been concluded. Men will be set to work this week to put out 10,000 shade trees. The trees will be some variety of cottonwood. We did not learn what kind, but we are informed they have been ordered. This is an enterprise that will in the run of a few years make the promoters good money. It will also be an attractive resort for townfolk during the summer months. It will be the picnicking ground of this community. The name of the park will be Roosevelt, and the plan is something like the Washington Park of El Paso, but not on such a large scale of course.

### Telephone Exchange Improving.

Dr. Herring's son, Farr Herring, is now at work to improve the telephone system. Two car loads of poles have been received and they are being set on the south side of the street. The old line on the north side will be taken down and used elsewhere. Dr. Herring informs us that it is his son's intention to make the telephone service here up-to-date in every respect. This is a worthy enterprise for Tucumcari and should be liberally patronized.

stead filings before Mr. Belknap since the middle of last month:

Robert R. McKean, A. S. King, G. A. Atkinson, Jo Deme, Stef Kiss, John Kovacs, Herman Deutsch, Lula Ward, C. L. Willard, Alice Ward, E. W. Walling, J. R. Lattimer, Frank Ward, T. C. Collins, C. W. Gilbert, W. H. Hall, W. H. Williams, Samuel Mason, G. H. Boyd, R. T. Wood, Desert Entry; T. C. Collins and Clara Bell.

Conductor Campbell has returned from a week's visit to El Paso to see his family. He resumed his run Thursday.